UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FFICE DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION BARCODE SHEET



Claims

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

A photograph album system for removably receiving and supporting photographs and like image-bearing documents for maximized convenience and aesthetic appearance comprising, in combination: 5 a spine including a pair of parallel side walls each with a top end and bottom end and an interior edge and exterior edge, the spine a_{1}^{I} so including two panels, a top panel and a bottom panel fach with an interior and exterior face, the top panel and bottom panel each being in parallel relationship/with each other and coupled at the top of the walls and at the bottom of the walls for 11 12 the receipt of pages there between, the two walls and two 13 panels being in a recti/linear configuration with an open planar face from which/pages may extend and a closed 14 arcuate face opposite/therefrom, the top panel having a 15 16 fixed retainer portion with a front face flush side walls and with the a plura ity of recesses on the interior face 17 thereof, the side walls each having an internal lateral 18 19 groove at the bottom end thereof adjacent to the bottom panel, and the side walls each have an aperture there 21 through at an intermediate location along a mid line of 22 the side walls the teof; 23 a plurality of cylindrical long posts having opposite 24 ends adapted to be received in the recesses the retainer portion of the top panel of the spine adapted for the 26 receipt of the pages there around; 27 a removable/retainer having an exterior face and plurality of internal retaining fingers, the removable 28 retainer adapted to slidably couple in the groove of the 29 spine and hold the cylindrical posts in an equally spaced 30



configuration;

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33 apertures to retain the posts in position within the 34 spine; and 35 a plurality of pages all being made from flexible paper products with the $pl\sqrt{rality}$ of pages all being 36 defined by a plurality of signatures, the signatures being 37 defined by a plurality of page sets, each page set 38 39 consisting of an interior support sheet of a rectangular 40 configuration having a central vertical fold defining an inner bend and a pair of outer edges, each page set 41 further having a pair of exterior cover sheets each having 42 43 a central vertical fold bositioned around an individual 44 outer edge of the interior support sheet with each fold 45 defining an outer bend and a pair of inner edges lying in proximity to the inner bend of the interior support sheet, 46 the inner bend being adapted to hold a cylindrical long 47 post, the exterior covers being adhered to the interior 48 49 support sheet by glue on three sides such that two pages 50 are formed with separate pockets on each side of each page 51 with each pocket opening toward the inner edge of the 52 exterior cover sheet and the inner bend of the interior support sheet, the interior support sheet initially having 54 a generally rectangular configuration having a top and bottom edge and a pair of side edges and a central axis with a pair of recesses at the top and bottom edge thereof, the interior support sheet having a series of 57 short rectangular apertures along the central axis to 58 59 facilitate bending and a pair of circular apertures located equally spaced from the central axis along a mid 61 line of the interior support sheet, the exterior cover sheets initially being of a rectangular configuration and having a plurality of rectangular apertures 80 aligned 64 along the central axis which serve to frame the photograph 65 and like image-bearing document.

a short spine pin passing through the side wall

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2. A photograph album system comprising:
a spine having a fixed retainer at one end thereof
and a removable retainer having a plurality of internal
retaining fingers at the other end with a plurality of
cylindrical posts received in the spine;
a plurality of pages; and

posts coupling the pages to the spine.

- 3. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein all of the pages are made from flexible paper products.
- 4. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the exterior cover sheets of each page set are adhered to the interior support by glue along three edges.
- 5. A photograph album system comprising:
 a spine;
- a plurality of pages defined by a plurality of
 signatures, each signature being defined by a plurality of
 page sets, each page set consisting of an interior support
 sheet having a central fold and apart of exterior cover
 sheets each being folded around an individual outer edge
 of interior support sheet with each having a central fold
 defining an outer bend, the exterior cover sheets being
 adhered to the interior support sheet such that two pages
 are formed with separate pockets on each side of each
- posts coupling the pages to the spine.

page; and

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1 6. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein
2 the spine includes a top panel having a fixed retainer
3 portion with a plurality of recesses on the interior face
4 thereof and a removable retainer having a plurality of

- 5 internal retaining fingers and page supporting posts 6 between the recesses and fingers.
- 7. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein the spine includes side walls with an aperture there through at an intermediate location along a midline thereof, the plurality of page sets having a pair of circular apertures locates equally spaced from the central axis along a midline of the interior support and a short spine pin to retain the posts in position within the spine.
- The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the cover sheets and supplemental sheets are coupled by glue lines with passageways adjacent to the center folds of the cover sheet for the passage of photographs into and out of the pockets.
- The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the cover sheets and support sheets are coupled by glue lines and with slots in the cover sheets adjacent to the pockets for the passage of photographs into and out of the pockets.